Progress in Indo-Us Trade

4257. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has so far been made in the Indo-US bilateral talks on the Uruguay Round negotiations on the basis of Dunkel Draft; and

(b) whether differences relating to pharmaceuticals, chemicals and agriculture have since been resolved, if so, what is the present status in regard to these issues and how far the difference thereon have been sorted out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) While the US has been generally sympathetic to Indian concerns on agriculture and the issue of the farmer's right to retain seed of protected varieties for use in subsequent crops, differences persist in some other areas of TRIPS. Negotiations are expected to gather momentum in September, 1993 after the summer break.

Conversion of Leased Defence Land into Free-hold

4258 SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 3033 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1992, and state :

(a) whether Government have received proposal from occupants for conversion of Leased Defence Land into free-hold, if so, what are the details thereof, Cantonment-wise;

(b) whether such proposal has been approved;

(c) whether Director General Estates (Defence) has been empowered for such concession;

(d) whether Defence Land is under private lease in Delhi Cantonment, Anand Parbat and Shakurbasti in Delhi, if so, what are the details thereof, serial-wise; and

(e) whether Director General Estates or any other competent authority has received any proposal during the last two years for conversion of Leased Defence Land into Free-hold in Delhi, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (e) Government have received seven proposals for conversion of lease hold into free-hold during the period January, 1992 to 31st July, 1993. Cantonment-wise details given in Statement 'A' (*See below*) also include one proposal in respect of lease hold site measuring 5.32 acres, Bungalow No. 4, University Road in Kingsway Camp in Delhi. Sanction has been accorded by Government in six out of seven cases.

No defence land is under lease in Anand Parbat and Shakurbasti in Delhi. The details showing the area and location of defence land in respect of private leases under CLA Rules 1937/1925 in Delhi Cantonment are in Statement 'B'.

The power to sanction such proposals vests with the Central Government and has not been delegated to Director General Defence Estates.

Statement 'A'

Cantonment-wise details of the proposals received for conversion into Free-Hold

Sl. No.	Name of Cantonment	GLR Sy. No.	Area in Sq. Mtrs	Date of sanction
1.	St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram	256/20-A	300.44	8 June, 1993
2.	—do—	388/432-E	242.48	16 Aug., 1993
3.	—do—	388/641-A	891.84	31 July, 1992
4.	Wellington	552/326-A	202.34	22 Dec., 1992
5.	Kirkee	280/69	74.35	30 July, 1993
6.	Pune	390/49	148.34	23 Aug., 1993
7.	Bungalow No. 4, University Road Kingsway Camp, Delhi.	—	5.32 acres	—